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SUBJECT: IRAQI POLICE TRAINING - POLES SEEK MORE MONEY,
OTHERS MAY TOO

REF: EMAIL CHARLES-TODD-FRIEBEL 11/28/04

[1](#)1. (U) Action requested: See para 5.

[1](#)2. (U) Polish General Eugeniusz Szczerbak, First Deputy Commander in Chief of the Polish Police, toured State/INL,s Jordanian-Iraqi Police Training Center (JIPTC) outside Amman November 28. Ten excellent Polish police officers are currently serving at JIPTC alongside 241 other international and 67 Jordanian police trainers, contributing to a program that is a key component of coalition efforts to rebuild Iraq. JIPTC has trained 8,296 Iraqi police recruits to date, and graduates approximately 1,500 more every four weeks.

[1](#)3. (SBU) General Szczerbak explained to JIPTC director Kathy Friebel that the EU is changing its approach to international peacekeeping by combining EU members' resources, and that the EU had asked Poland to contribute 100 trainers to a European peacekeeping corps. As a consequence, the General said, Poland would ask the U.S. to pay half the cost of keeping the ten trainers in Jordan. He stated that the current cost to Poland for the ten officers is USD 100,000 per month for salary and "equipment." The General asked for a U.S. reply by December 10, in order to prepare for a budget discussion December 22 in the Sejm.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Comment and action requested: All the trainers, equipment, lodging, meals and transportation are already covered by the USG. We do not know what the GOP,s payroll for these ten officers is, but we suspect INL will find an additional USD 50,000 monthly outlay unsupportable, especially since any increase in payments to the Poles will likely prompt similar requests from the other international trainers, governments.

[1](#)5. (SBU) Post asks that Department consider seeking clarification of General Szczerbak,s request, while noting JIPTC,s importance to the Iraq effort and our hope that Poland continues its valuable contribution under the terms already agreed.

[1](#)6. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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